

English

There will be four main components to our English lessons each week in Oak Class. Statutory spellings and spelling rules will be taught daily using Read Write Spell, a progressive scheme that builds on children's current knowledge. To learn and recall grammar skills, we will be building our learning around new and existing knowledge. On Mondays we will learn a new skill, Tuesday we will recap a basic but crucial grammar skill, Wednesday we will apply our new knowledge and Thursday and Friday we will recap previous learning. **In Spring 1 we will write the following text types: A Non-Chronological Report on the planets, a Newspaper Report on The First Moon Landing, a Balanced Argument to debate and a Biography on a significant person.** Comprehension is our final part of English. We will be engaging in comprehension sessions three times per week, this half term this will focus on answering a wide range of comprehension questions using one text. This will be a mixture of whole-class, group led and independent work.

Key Space knowledge we will learn:

- Space Race Timeline
- In-depth knowledge about the planets
- Report on the First Moon Landing
- Research – should we send humans or robots to space?
- Significant people
- Heliocentric vs Geocentric
- Moon phases
- Seasonal changes.

Maths

Each day in Maths we will complete 10 differentiated arithmetic questions that are marked with the children so they can check and understand the variety of methods used. We are working on the explanation of **'how, why or how do you know?'** to broaden our reasoning and problem solving.

In Spring 1, children in Year 5 will begin their next steps in Multiplication and Division and further their knowledge of Fractions.

In Spring 1, children in Year 6 will begin their first steps with understanding and applying Ratio and Algebra.

Oak Class Newsletter Spring 1 Our Topic: Up, Up and Away! Space!



Important Information for Spring 1

There is NO swimming this half term.
PE:

PE will continue to be 9-10am every Tuesday, the children will be out in all weathers, so please provide spare clothes if needed.

**Children need to wear PE every
Wednesday for gymnastics, starting
Wednesday 17th January**

The Wider Curriculum

History – Timeline of The Space Race, researching significant people in space.

PSHE – Keeping myself safe

Art – Drawing Space Imagery

Science – Earth and Space

French – Getting dressed in France

PE – Lead by HAWKES and PE every Tuesday AM. Gymnastics every Wednesday afternoon.

Music – Film Music

RE – Arts and Architecture vs Charity and Generosity

Computing – Microbit